

**Meeting of the
Board of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia**

April 13, 2010

Draft Minutes

Present:

Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.
(Vice-Chair)
Patsy Ann Hobson
Kay C. Horney
Barbara H. Klear
William L. Murray, Ph.D.
Michael Walker

Absent:

Robert D. Voogt, Ph.D. (Chair)
Phyllis L. Cothran
Kit Gordon (term expired)
Manikoth G. Kurup, M.D.
(term expired)
David Sylvester (resigned)

DMAS Staff:

Cynthia B. Jones, Acting Director
Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director of Operations
Elizabeth McDonald, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications &
Legislative Affairs
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs

Speakers:

Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
Steve Ford, Director, Policy and Research Division
David Mix, MITA Program Manager, Information Management

Guests:

Richard Grossman, Vectre
Hobart Harvey, Virginia Health Care Association
Joe Flores, Senate Finance Committee Staff
Tyler Cox, HDJN
Gena Boyle, Troutman Sanders
R. J. Gilson, ACS

Call to Order

Dr. Monroe E. Harris, Jr., Vice Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. after a quorum was met and stated that Dr. Voogt was unable to attend. Then, Dr. Harris asked the other Board members to introduce themselves and the introductions continued around the room by DMAS staff and guests.

Mrs. Jones asked the members to sign their Transactional Disclosure Statements and announced that effective January 1, 2010, mileage is 50 cents/mile.

Mrs. Jones mentioned the meeting dates for the remainder of 2010: June 8, September 14 and December 14.

It was noted that Dr. Kurup's two terms had expired and he could not be reappointed, (ii) Ms. Gordon's term expired; and (iii) Mr. Sylvester submitted his resignation effective April 6, 2010. Therefore, we anticipate that the new Board members will be in place for the June meeting.

Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2009 Meeting

Dr. Harris asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the December 8, 2009 meeting. Dr. Murray made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Horney seconded. The vote was unanimous. **6-yes (Harris, Hobson, Horney, Klear, Murray and Walker); 0-no.**

Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman

Dr. Harris then turned the meeting over to Ms. Jones for the election process. Ms. Jones noted that the Board bylaws require the election of officers for the Board the first meeting after March 1st of each year. She presided over the election of the Board Officers and opened the floor to accept nominations for Chairman. Dr. Murray nominated Dr. Voogt for another term. Dr. Murray made a motion and Ms. Hobson seconded. Mrs. Jones noted the duties of the Chairman. The vote to elect Dr. Voogt as Chairman for a second term was **6-yes (Harris, Hobson, Horney, Klear, Murray and Walker); 0-no.**

Mrs. Jones opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice Chairman. Ms. Klear nominated Dr. Harris and made a motion to accept Dr. Harris as Vice Chairman and Dr. Murray seconded. Hearing no other nominations; Mrs. Jones asked that the nominations be closed. The vote to elect Dr. Harris as Vice Chairman was **6-yes (Harris, Hobson, Horney, Klear, Murray and Walker); 0-no.**

Selection of Secretary

Ms. Jones then opened the floor to accept nominations for Board Secretary. Dr. Murray made a motion to accept Mamie White as Board Secretary and Ms. Horney seconded. The vote to have Ms. White continue as Board Secretary was **6-yes (Harris, Hobson, Horney, Klear, Murray and Walker); 0-no.**

OVERVIEW OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET ACTIONS

Mr. Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, gave an overview of the current status of the 2010 General Assembly budget actions which included the actions taken in the budget introduced in December and by the members during conference. He noted that this is not the final action as the Governor would make his recommendations to this budget during the reconvened session on April 21.

Mr. Crawford briefly highlighted the Medicaid enrollment trends with emphasis on the continued growth in non-disabled Medicaid adults and children, explained the forecasted need in the Medicaid program, and discussed the budget amendments.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE/NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM UPDATE – IMPACT ON MEDICAID

Steve Ford, Director of Policy and Research, briefly highlighted the 2010 General Session legislation and studies which will affect DMAS either directly or indirectly. Mr. Ford then explained the impact of the current status of the major Medicaid/CHIP provisions of federal health reform based on the Patient Protection and Affordable Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 signed into law in March.

There was discussion and comments by the Board members and a request to continue with the updates on the budget and federal health care reform at the next meeting.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION (HITAC) UPDATE

Mr. Dave Mix, MITA Program Manager, then gave an update on the activities of HITAC, which is chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Dr. William Hazel. HITAC was created to support the Commonwealth's response to federal grant opportunities and ensure coordination among public and private entities with the responsibility to increase adoption of electronic health records by physicians and provide an effective model for Health Information Exchange (HIE) governance. He discussed the goals, conceptual framework, notable differences in the Medicare and Medicaid incentive programs, timeline and next steps.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Regulatory Activity Summary

The Regulatory Activity Summary is included in the Members' books to review at their convenience.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Harris motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Dr. Murray seconded. The vote was **6-yes (Harris, Hobson, Horney, Klear, Murray and Walker); 0-no**. Dr. Harris thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.